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The Honorable Donald T. Regan
Chief of Staff
The White House

Don,

Will you pass the enclosed along if,
on reading, you think it is not overtaken
by events.

Bill

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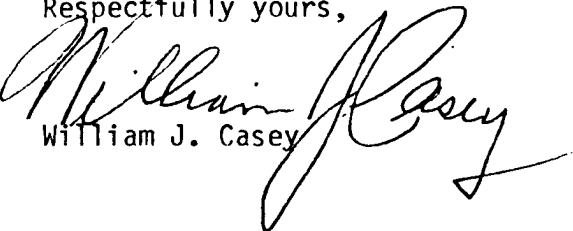
Dear Mr. President:

Let me once more urge that for you to put down details of an offer well before the Geneva meeting is likely to enmesh you in two sets of details at Geneva. The risk that they will seize the opportunity to trump you is great, even if you discount [REDACTED] that they intend to do that. This could well bog the meeting down and fill the press with discussions of the two new offers.

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The pattern the Soviets have set is to outline a new offer at a high-level meeting and then unfurl the details at Geneva. That's what Schevardnadze did with their offer. It seems to me that you can avoid the risk of being trumped and still be forthcoming by following the Schevardnadze pattern--indications that a new offer is coming, outline it just before or at Geneva with the detailed offer to follow.

Respectfully yours,


William J. Casey

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